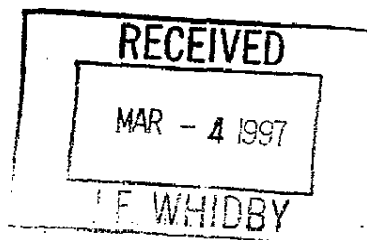


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Staff

No changes.

Facilities

Our humidity control system continues to work without breakdown.

Activities

The final report for the thirty-ninth pickup was mailed to all concerned; now all attention is being directed toward the fortieth. We are awaiting arrival of the last difficult to find brands. Presumably, they are in the mail and should be here next week. Looking ahead, we should be able to wrap up all preliminaries and begin the smoking phase before next month.

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